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### Office Action Summary

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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 01 June 2010.  
2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.  
3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.  
4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.  
5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.  
6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.  
7) ☒ Claim(s) 18 is/are objected to.  
8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.  
10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).  
11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).  
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:  
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.  
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.  
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)  
3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SI/200)  
4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application  
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## DETAILED ACTION

### *Response to Amendment*

1. The amendment filed on 6/1/10 has been entered. Claims 1-2, 4, 6-7 and 12-13 have been amended. No claims have been cancelled. Claims 14-20 have been added. Claims 1-20 are currently pending in this application, with claims 1, 13 and 19 being independent.

### *Claim Objections*

2. Claim 18 is objected to because of the following informalities: **“The wireless information device of claim 1...”** should be changed to **“The wireless information device of claim 13...”**, as the antecedent basis for the wireless information device is found in claim 13 and not in claim 1. Appropriate correction is required.

### *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103*

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. The factual inquiries set forth in *Graham v. John Deere Co.*, 383 U.S. 1, 148 USPQ 459 (1966), that are applied for establishing a background for determining obviousness under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) are summarized as follows:

1. Determining the scope and contents of the prior art.

2. Ascertaining the differences between the prior art and the claims at issue.
  3. Resolving the level of ordinary skill in the pertinent art.
  4. Considering objective evidence present in the application indicating obviousness or nonobviousness.
5. Claims 1-8, 10 and 12-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Washburn (**US Patent No. 7,321,920**), in view of Glitho, et al (**US PG Publication 2004/0078256**). From now on, Glitho, et al, will be referred to as Glitho.

Regarding claim 1, Washburn teaches a method comprising: receiving, at an intermediate server, time sensitive information entered by an end-user into a first application running on a wireless information device (**A user of a wireless device enters a day and time for a learning application to be run on said device of said user, Column 15, lines 41-67 and Column 16, lines 1-4**), wherein the intermediate server is configured to run on the device (**An application server delivers questions for said learning application at said time to said device, Column 15, lines 53-63**); and providing data, over the interface, from the intermediate server to a second application running on the device (**Said server provides said questions in a game mode to said device, Column 16, lines 6-11**), the data relating to the time sensitive information, the data triggering the second application to cause the device to automatically change its behavior appropriately in dependence on the data and not in dependence on automatically acquired context information (**Said game mode questions are presented at said user-requested time, where responses to said questions cause said device to play sounds, vibrate and perform other functions, and said game mode is acquired as selected by said user and not automatically**

**acquired based on context/location, Column 15, line 67 and Column 16, lines 1-15).** Washburn does not teach the server presents a generic application programming interface. Glitho teaches the server presents a generic application programming interface **(A server personal comprises an application programming interface that runs a calendar application on a wireless device, Paragraph 10 and Paragraph 22, lines 10-16).** It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify the invention of Washburn to include this feature for the benefit of added security.

Regarding claims 2 and 14, Washburn, in view of Glitho, teaches the method of claim 1 and the wireless information device of Claim 13, respectively. Washburn further teaches the first application is a calendar or agenda application and the time sensitive information comprises an entry into the calendar or agenda application **(Said entering into said learning application includes scheduling said time (template 302 in Figure 12), Column 15, lines 64-67 and Column 16, lines 1-4).**

Regarding claim 3, Washburn, in view of Glitho, teaches the method of claim 2. Washburn, in view of Glitho, does not teach the end-user selects from a menu list a label to apply to the entry, the label defining the type of behavior change to be carried out by the second application. Parker teaches the end-user selects from a menu list a label to apply to the entry, the label defining the type of behavior change to be carried out by the second application **(Said user enters a time to be reminded of an event,**

**where said reminder includes a type of behavior to be executed by said wireless device, including said server transmitting an additional reminder to buy a gift to said wireless device, based on whether or not said user selected this option from a menu (172 in Figure 7), Column 10, lines 33-48 and Column 11, lines 13-30).**

Regarding claims 4 and 15, Washburn, in view of Glitho, teaches the method of claim 1 and the wireless information device of claim 13, respectively. Washburn further teaches the first application is an alarm application and the time sensitive information defines an alarm time **(Said user enters a time to be reminded of an event, Column 10, lines 33-48).**

Regarding claims 5 and 16, Washburn, in view of Glitho, teaches the method of claim 1 and the wireless information device of claim 13, respectively, in which the second application is a telephone application that enables telephone functions of the device to be controlled **(Said user enters a time to be reminded of an event, where said reminder includes said server triggering a call invitation at said wireless device based on whether or not said user selected this option from a menu (172 in Figure 7), Column 10, lines 33-48 and Column 11, lines 20-25).**

Regarding claims 6 and 17, Washburn, in view of Glitho, teaches the method of claim 1 and the wireless information device of claim 13, respectively. Washburn further teaches the data provided to the second application triggers the second application to

cause the device to automatically change one or more of the following: (a) altering a telephone profile (b) altering the device ring tone (c) altering the device user interface (d) switching off telephone functionality (e) switching off the device entirely (f) switching the device to a power save mode (g) switching off one or more items of communications hardware **(Said user enters a time to be reminded of an event, where said reminder includes said server triggering a call invitation at said wireless device based on whether or not said user selected this option from a menu (172 in Figure 7), and said user inputs a selection from a button displayed on said device (177 in Figure 7) to transmit an invitation to a celebrator of said event, Column 10, lines 33-48, Column 11, lines 20-25 and 29-34).**

Regarding claims 7-8, 10 and 18, Washburn, in view of Glitho, teaches the method of claim 1 and the wireless information device of claim 13, respectively. Washburn further teaches in an instance in which a conflict arises between the behavior change due to the data from the first application and a different behavior change input directly to the first or the second application, then the different behavior change prevails **(Said user selects a snooze button (314 in Figure 12), where said snooze button causes said device to enter a different operating mode than regular game mode, Column 16, lines 40-45),** and a conflict resolution component determines which behavior change prevails, in which the conflict resolution component is the server **(Said snooze button informs said server to enter said different mode, where said server**

**resends questions not answered due to said snooze button selection at a later time, Column 16, lines 40-45).**

Regarding claim 12, Washburn, in view of Gliotho, teaches the method of claim 1. Washburn further teaches the second application causes the device to automatically change its behavior appropriately in dependence on the data from the first application for a time period determined by that data. **(Said entering into said learning application includes entering start and end times (template 302 in Figure 12) for said learning application to be run on said device, Column 15, lines 64-67 and Column 16, lines 1-4).**

Regarding claim 13, Washburn teaches a wireless information device programmed to automatically modify its behavior, the device programmed to run: an intermediate server, configured to present an interface, and to receive time sensitive information entered by an end-user into a first application running on the device **(A user of a wireless device enters a day and time for a learning application to be run on said device of said user, where an application server delivers questions for said learning application at said time to said device, Column 15, lines 53-63 Column 15, lines 41-67 and Column 16, lines 1-4);** wherein the intermediate server is further configured to provide data to a second application running on the device to receive data from the first application **(Said server provides said questions in a game mode to said device, Column 16, lines 6-11),** the data relating to the time



sensitive information, and triggering the second application to automatically change the behavior of the device appropriately in dependence on the data and not in dependence on automatically acquired context information (**Said game mode questions are presented at said user-requested time, where responses to said questions cause said device to play sounds, vibrate and perform other functions, and said game mode is acquired as selected by said user and not automatically acquired based on context/location, Column 15, line 67 and Column 16, lines 1-15**). Washburn does not teach the server presents a generic application programming interface. Glitho teaches the server presents a generic application programming interface (**A server personal comprises an application programming interface that runs a calendar application on a wireless device, Paragraph 10 and Paragraph 22, lines 10-16**). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify the invention of Washburn to include this feature for the benefit of added security.

Regarding claim 19, Washburn teaches an apparatus comprising at least one processor, the at least one processor configured to cause the apparatus to at least run a first application (**A user of a wireless device enters a day and time for a learning application to be run on said device of said user, Column 15, lines 41-67 and Column 16, lines 1-4**), a second application, and an intermediate server, wherein the intermediate server is configured, when run on the apparatus, to: cause an interface to be presented and receive time sensitive information entered by an end-user into the first application (**An application server delivers questions for said learning application**

**at said time to said device upon said entering of request for said questions into said learning application by said user, Column 15, lines 53-63);** and provide data, over the interface, to the second application **(Said server provides said questions in a game mode to said device, Column 16, lines 6-11)**, the data relating to the time sensitive information and triggering the second application to automatically change the behavior of the apparatus appropriately in dependence on the data and not in dependence on automatically acquired context information **(Said game mode questions are presented at said user-requested time, where responses to said questions cause said device to play sounds, vibrate and perform other functions, and said game mode is acquired as selected by said user and not automatically acquired based on context/location, Column 15, line 67 and Column 16, lines 1-15)**. Washburn does not teach the server presents a generic application programming interface. Glioth teaches the server presents a generic application programming interface **(A server personal comprises an application programming interface that runs a calendar application on a wireless device, Paragraph 10 and Paragraph 22, lines 10-16)**. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify the invention of Washburn to include this feature for the benefit of added security.

Regarding claim 20, Washburn, in view of Glioth, teaches the apparatus of Claim 19. Washburn further teaches the apparatus comprises or is embodied on a wireless

information device **(Said device is a wireless information device, Column 15, lines 43-45).**

6. Claims 9 and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Washburn, in view of Glitho, and further in view of Miriyala **(US Patent No. 7,069,027).**

Regarding claims 9 and 11, Washburn, in view of Glitho, teaches the method of claim 1. Washburn, in view of Glitho, does not teach an override component determines if a behavior change due to the data from the first application is inappropriate and then overrides that behavior change, in which the override component is the server. Miriyala teaches an override component determines if a behavior change due to the data from the first application is inappropriate and then overrides that behavior change, in which the override component is the server **(A digital information center normally places wireless devices in a mute mode, where said digital information center overrides said muting when said muting is not appropriate, Column 4, lines 64-67, Column 5, lines 1-4 and 9-16, Column 1, lines 46-53 and Column 3, lines 4-17).** It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify the invention of Washburn, in view of Glitho, to include this feature for the benefit of added security.

***Response to Arguments***

7. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-20 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

***Conclusion***

8. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rafael Perez-Gutierrez can be reached on 571-272-7915. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-270-6361.

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